

Testimony before the Appropriations Committee

H.B. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

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Good afternoon Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Ronald Murphy and I am a registered voter in the City of Hartford.

I am here to testify on H.B. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.

I am opposed to any proposed cuts to the DMHAS and any mental health services and supports.

I am opposed to the following:

Carrying forward the \$17 million in cuts from fiscal year 2016.

Any grant reduction for mental health and substance abuse services.

Any funding cut to Community Care Teams.

Any cut or elimination of the Regional Mental Health Boards and Regional Action Councils.

The consolidation of the operating funds of any agency into one-line item.

I urge you to keep crucial services available to the residents of Connecticut.

I have been coming to The Chrysalis Center since 1996. I started at the old clubhouse in 1984. I work on my typing skills and I like to volunteer. I go to groups on how to manage behavior and about mental health. I also go to Capitol Region Mental Health too. I also like the trainings that are offered, I also get help from the staff here. They have achievement groups that I like, resource groups, meditation groups. I also get to learn about the legislature and advocacy. The staff also recognizes the things I do at Chrysalis. I also like helping with the newsletter every month.

Thank you for your attention to these important services and supports.